

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice, and amend claim 17. Also, please add new claims 21-46 all as shown below.

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended). A method of operating an information system, comprising:

~~providing a vehicle;~~
providing an information system in a vehicle;
~~supporting the information system on the vehicle;~~
inputting data information into the information system; and
~~presenting information from the information system in response to inputting information into the system~~ transmitting a message from the information system to a given destination, wherein the message is:

indicative of progress of the vehicle; and
based on the data.

Claim 18 (original). The method of claim 17, and further comprising:

providing a mobile telephone;
inputting a vocal command into the information system; and
automatically dialing the mobile telephone in response to inputting the vocal command.

Claim 19 (original). The method of claim 17, and further comprising:

providing a mobile data processing/storage device;
storing data on the mobile data processing/storage device;
inputting a vocal command into the information system; and
presenting data from the mobile data processing/storage device in response to the vocal command.

1 Claim 20 (original). The method of claim 17, and further comprising:

2 providing a vehicle peripheral system;

3 inputting a vocal command into the information system; and

4 operating the vehicle peripheral system in response to the vocal command.

5 Claim 21 (new). The method of claim 17, further comprising presenting information
6 from the information system, the information selected from the group consisting of:

7 an address of the destination;

8 a location of the destination;

9 directions to the destination;

10 a reason for stopping at the destination;

11 projected time of arrival at the destination; and

12 projected duration of time spent at the destination.

13 Claim 22 (new). The method of claim 17, wherein the data is indicative of at least
14 one factor selected from the group consisting of:

15 road conditions;

16 traffic patterns;

17 weather; and

18 destination access availability.

19 Claim 23 (new). A method, comprising:

20 providing an information system in a vehicle;

21 receiving substantially real-time data into the information system; and

22 presenting, from the information system, a substantially up-to-date routing
23 schedule based on the data.

24 Claim 24 (new). The method of claim 23, wherein the data is indicative of a factor
25 selected from the group consisting of:

road conditions;

traffic patterns; and

weather.

1 Claim 25 (new). The method of claim 23, wherein the routing schedule comprises
2 information selected from the group consisting of:

3 an address of a destination;
4 a location of a destination; and
5 directions to a destination.

6 Claim 26 (new). The method of claim 23, wherein the routing schedule comprises
7 information selected from the group consisting of:

8 a reason for stopping at a destination;
9 projected time of arrival at a destination; and
10 projected duration of time spent at a destination.

11 Claim 27 (new). The method of claim 23, further comprising transmitting a message
12 from the information system to a given destination, wherein the message is indicative
13 of one of:

14 a location of the vehicle relative to the given destination; and
15 an estimated time of arrival of the vehicle at the given destination.

16 Claim 28 (new). The method of claim 27, wherein the message is a pager message.

17 Claim 29 (new). A method, comprising:

18 receiving substantially real-time data into an information system provided in a
19 vehicle;

20 determining, within the information system, a substantially up-to-date routing
21 schedule based on the data; and

22 transmitting a message from the information system to a given destination,
23 wherein the message is indicative of progress of the vehicle.

24 Claim 30 (new). The method of claim 28, wherein the message is a pager message.
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1 Claim 31 (new). A method, comprising:
2 providing an information system in a vehicle;
3 receiving into the information system substantially real-time data indicative of
4 a factor selected from the group consisting of:
5 road conditions;
6 traffic patterns;
7 weather; and
8 destination access availability;
9 and,
10 based on the data, controlling a peripheral system of the vehicle.

11 Claim 32 (new). The method of claim 31, wherein the vehicle peripheral system is
12 substantially at least a portion of a drive train of the vehicle.

13 Claim 33 (new). The method of claim 31, wherein the vehicle peripheral system is
14 substantially an auxiliary power plant of the vehicle.

15 Claim 34 (new). The method of claim 31, wherein the vehicle peripheral system is a
16 suspension system of the vehicle.

17 Claim 35 (new). The method of claim 31, wherein the vehicle peripheral system is
18 substantially at least a control system of the vehicle.

19 Claim 36 (new). The method of claim 31, wherein the vehicle peripheral system is
20 substantially a load control system of the vehicle.
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1 Claim 37 (new). A method, comprising:

2 providing an information system in a vehicle;

3 receiving into the information system substantially real-time data indicative of
4 a factor selected from the group consisting of:

5 distance traveled by the vehicle; and

6 fuel used by the vehicle;

7 and,

8 based on the data, presenting information selected from the group consisting
9 of:

10 location of a fuel stop;

11 distance to a fuel stop; and

12 elapsed time to a fuel stop.

13 Claim 38 (new). A method, comprising:

14 receiving into an information system within a vehicle, an operator vocal
15 command; and

16 sending a control signal to a climate control system in the vehicle, wherein the
17 control signal is based on the operator vocal command.

18 Claim 39 (new). The method of claim 38, further comprising adjusting the vehicle
19 climate control system based on the control signal.

20 Claim 40 (new). A method, comprising:

21 receiving into an information system within a vehicle, data signals from a
22 vision enhancement system within the vehicle; and,

23 sending a control signal to a peripheral system within the vehicle, wherein the
24 control signal is based on the operator vocal command.

25 Claim 41 (new). The method of claim 40, wherein the peripheral system is
substantially an operational lighting system.

Claim 42 (new). The method of claim 40, wherein the peripheral system is
substantially a windshield wiper system.

1 Claim 43 (new). The method of claim 40, wherein the peripheral system is at least a
2 portion of a drive train.

3 Claim 44 (new). The method of claim 40, wherein the peripheral system is
4 substantially a suspension system.
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6 Claim 45 (new). The method of claim 40, wherein the peripheral system is
7 substantially a vehicle control system.

8 Claim 46 (new). The method of claim 40, wherein the peripheral system is
9 substantially a load control system.
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